

Immediately after the Decese of the Princess Governante, the States-General wrote the following Letter to the King of Great-Britain :

S I R E,

It is with the deepest Concern that we find ourselves under a Necessity of informing your Majesty of the melancholy Event that has just happened, by the Death of her Royal Highness the Princess Governante, whom it has pleased God to take out of this World, in the Night between the 12th and 13th Instant.

We can too well conceive, by our own extreme Affliction for the Loss of this great and excellent Princess, the Situation of your Majesty's paternal Heart on this melancholy Occasion.

We feel it most sensibly, and wish we could, by mingling our Tears with those of your Majesty, in some Measure lessen its Bitterness. We pray that the Almighty may be graciously pleased to support your Majesty to the most advanced Age, and bless the two illustrious Branches that are left to us, and which we shall cherish with all possible Tenderness.

We presume to assure you, Sir, that we will employ all our Care, and bestow our whole Attention, on what concerns the Rights and Interests of the young Prince, and Madame the Princess his Sister, whom we look upon as the Children of the Republic. And at the same Time we request a Continuance of your Majesty's Good Will towards this State. We shall endeavour to deserve it more than ever, by the Zeal and Devotion with which we shall ever be, Sir, &c. &c.

It is said, that at the same Time that Sugar was sold in Jamaica at 25 s. per Hundred, the French West-India Planters, rather than run any Risk, or pay the extravagant Price of Insurance and Freight, sold to several Persons on the contraband Trade, from 8/6 to 12 s. per Hundred. An evident Proof, if true, of the great Superiority of our Naval Power in those Seas.

Extra of a Letter from Samuel White, Esq; the British Consul at Vigo, Dec. 17.

"We have been pretty quiet for some Months past on the Coast of Galicia and Portugal, having not been molested by French Privateers; but now they begin to visit us again, and I fear we shall swarm with that Vermin, as we did two Years ago. A Row-Boat, with a Lute Stern, came lately on our Coast, picked up an English Brig, and carried her off. I could not hear what she was, nor any further Particulars about her. And four Days ago came in here another French Privateer, called La Favorite, Captain Saumel, who on the 27th ult. between Cape Ortugal and Cape Finistere, fell in with an English Brig, Pink-Stern, about 100 Tons Burthen, boarded her, and found only two Genoese on board; and seeing the Vessel bloody on the Deck, and in the Cabin found all the Papers had been thrown over-board, directly suspected they had murdered the Captain and Crew; and taxing them with the Fact, they confessed that they had killed the Captain, his Son, and every Soul, being seven in all. The cruel Way they perpetrated this Massacre was as follows: Each of these Villains was in different Watches, one in the Mast's, the other in the Mates's. He that was in the Mate's Watch went down with them to sleep, and waited till he found them all fast asleep, then cut all their Throats, and stabbed them in several Parts of the Body, and left them all dead. The Captain being on the Deck, knew nothing of all this. This Fellow then came upon Deck, and told his Comrade what he had done below; upon which they both at once fell on the Captain, and cleaved him down with a Hatchet; being not quite dead, they finished him with a Musket; and the Man at the Helm they cut in two; and so made an End of them all but the Captain's Son, who was left three Days crying for his Father. The third Day they said, that as he squalled like a Cat, they would dispatch him likewise; so they cut the Child in two. The Vessel is sent to Bayeux in France, with these two Villains in her. She was (they say) the Peggy, Captain Forman; was coming from Carolina to Lisbon, and had got within sixty Leagues of the Rock of Lisbon when this horrid Barbarity was perpetrated." [This is the Captain of the aforesaid Privateer's Declaration to the Consul at Vigo, and he said it was what the Villains confessed to him on board the Brig.]

CHARLES-TOWN (in South-Carolina) April 7.

A remarkable Comet, supposed to be the same that has been so much talked of, and looked for throughout the last Year, and by some in 1757, has made it's Appearance, and been observed by many People, in all Parts of the Province within these 10 Days. It's Tail is very long and slender, and of a very bright white Colour.

By a Gentleman from Georgia, we are informed, that on the 26th ult. a new Commission, appointing Mr. Excellency HENRY ELLIS, Esq; Governor in Chief, &c. of that Province, was published in Savannah, to the no small Joy of its Inhabitants; who on this Occasion manifested their general Satisfaction, by all the usual Tokens: The General Assembly were sitting, and presented his Excellency very cordial Addresses; Col. Jones's Troop of Horse and the Regiment of Foot Militia were under Arms; the Guns mounted on the Works were fired; and in the Evening there were Bonfires, and the principal Houses were illuminated.

On Monday last arrived here from England, His Majesty's Ships the Success and Mermaid, commanded by Peter Henry Oarry, and William Hackman, Esquires. These Ships were appointed purposely to Convey the Trade of this Province; and we hear, will return for England, about the 1st of May next.

The Master of one of the Vessels lately arrived here from England, in her Passage, after she had been a Fortnight at Sea, spoke with a Fleet from Bristol, that had come out under Convoy of the Brilliant Man of War, from which he was informed, that 14 large outward bound French Merchantmen had fallen in the midst of them in the Night, and that the Brilliant had taken two.

We learn from Fort Loudoun, that two Parties of the Cherokees were gone out, in order if possible, to discover the Route the French Garrison of Fort Duquesne took. We have had some Reports from those Parts not very favourable; but the above, which may be depended upon, seems to give Assurance of their Attachment to the British Interest. A strong Detachment from the South-Carolina Regiment, it is said, have Orders to march immediately for the Country of the said Indians.

B O S T O N, April 15.

Last Tuesday arrived here Capt. West from St. Kitts, but last from St. Martins, who informs, That on Thursday the 20th of March last, in Lat. 29. N. and Long. 69. he was brought to by the famous Mons. Chateau, who ordered him on board, and took out of his Vessel about 1000 lb. Wt. of Cotton-Wool, two Puncheons of Rum, and some Provisions; but treated him and his People with a great deal of Humanity and Courtesy, and after detaining him on board some Time, released him; and upon Capt. West's remonstrating that he should be left short of Provisions, he generously ordered them to be returned, and put on board the Sloop again. His Ship had 28 Guns mounted, but had Ports for 36.—His Cruise being out, he was bound from Cape-François, laden chiefly with Coffee and Indigo, for St. Maloes in France, where his Owners lived.—He had several Ransomers on board.

Capt. Darby arrived at Salem last Thursday Night in 28 Days from Gibraltar; two Days before he left that Place, two Men of War arrived from England, which came out with Admiral Saunders's Fleet, consisting of about 20 Sail of Men of War, and 40 Transports, all bound for America.

Extra of a Letter from Louisburg, March 13.

"This Day about Noon, returned from a Scout, a Party of Rangers, who were sent out some Time ago by the General, to see if they could discover any of the Enemy on this Island: They brought in with them, 18 French Prisoners, equipped with Arms and Ammunition, and left behind them about 100 more, Men, Women, and Children, who were not able to travel to this Place. They left a Party to wait upon them, and conduct them to this Place as soon as the Weather will permit. We are informed by these Prisoners which are already come in, that last Fall a Sloop from Boston to St. John's, was cast ashore, and that they and their Comrades murdered the People and plundered the Vessel; this was done at the back side of the Island. They also say, that another Vessel was drove on Shore since the Surrender of this Place, whose Crew they treated as they did the former. It is supposed to be a Vessel from this Port to Newfoundland, with King's Stores on board."

The Public are desired to beware of Counterfeit Dollars, for such are passing among us; they are cast so badly that scarce any Body can be deceived by them; their Edges seem rather to be beat up with a Hammer than milled; they are dated 1757, and weigh but about 14 Penny-weight.

A L B A N Y, April 14.

The first Battalion of the Royal Americans, who were ordered from hence for Schenectady, are now to return with all Expedition; and 'tis said they are to march to the Westward.

Two Days ago we had a Report here, that two Soldiers were killed and scalped near Still-Water; but it proves to be a Mistake.

April 16. This Day we expect the first Battalion of the Royal Americans from Schenectady: They are to be sent to the Ohio. The Remainder of the first Battalion of the Royal Scotch set out for Fort-Edward this Morning.

Last Night a Gentleman arrived here from Fort-Stanwix; where all was well; on his Way down he met Sir William Johnson, who was treating with a great Number of Indians of different Nations; that he had made several Speeches to them, wherein he spoke his Mind very freely; that the Indians asked Sir William, why he did not visit them at their Castles so often as formerly. To which he answered, That the Blood of several of his Brethren that had been lately scalped, lay in his Way, so that he could not visit them with Safety; but that as soon as they would replace those Scalps by as many of the Enemy, he would visit them as much as ever he did.

N E W - Y O R K, April 23.

Tuesday last the Lion Transport, Capt. Smith, arrived here from England: She sailed from Portsmouth, the 14th of February, under Convoy of Commodore Holmes, but on the 25th following, in Lat. 41, Long. 15, the whole Fleet was separated in a violent Gale of Wind, which continued till the 27th, when Capt. Smith joined about 30 Sail of the Fleet again; amongst which was the Admiral in the Somerset, of 70 Guns, having lost his Mizzen Top-mast; the Northumberland, Lord Colvil, lost her Main-mast, Mizzen-mast, and Fore Top-mast; the Seahorse lost her Main-mast, and Mizzen Top-mast; a Transport lost her Main and Fore Masts; and the Crown, another Transport, was obliged to stave the flat-bottomed Boat that was on her Deck. Many more of the Ships received considerable Damage; but as Capt. Smith lost none of his Masts, he proceeded on his Voyage, and when he left the Fleet, he could perceive they were steering to the Southward, and as he imagined, were bound to Gibraltar, to repair the Damages they received.

Next Day arrived at Sandy-Hook, and are since come into Port, the following Transport Ship, Part of Admiral Holmes's Squadron likewise, viz. Ship Prince of Wales, George Potts, Master. Ship Eadon and Mary, Benjamin Longdill, Master. Ship James and Henrietta, John Mecke, Master. Ship Three Sisters, Samuel Melenor, Master. Ship Jane, John Garrit, Master. Ship Two Brothers, Scarf Stockton, Master. And Ship Hope-well, George Masterman, Master. None of the above Ships received any Damage worth Notice, in the Storm that separated the Fleet.

Saturday the 42d, or Royal Highland Regiment, was reviewed here, by his Excellency Jeffery Amherst, Esq; Major General, and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in North-America: They made a beautiful Appearance, and went thro' their Exercise with the greatest Exactness.

Saturday also, Capt. Turrell arrived in 20 Days from Barbados: He says, That Commodore Moors intended, as soon as he got properly watered at Dominico, to go with half of his Fleet off of Martinico, and send in a Challenge to Mons. Bompau, to come out and fight him.

Sunday Morning last returned here from a tolerable good Cruise, the Privateer Snow Boscawen, Captain Rutgers. Twenty Days ago he left at Monto-Christo, the Privateers George, and Resolution, Captains Haley, and Lightstone, and 105 Sail of Merchantmen; and we can assure the Public, that Mr. Agnew, Captain Haley's First Lieutenant, who, it was said, was killed at Guadaloupe, was well when Capt. Rutgers left Monto-Christo.

There were a Number of New-York Privateers cruising to Windward, in Hopes of falling in with some of the European Fleet expected among the French Islands.

The same Day returned here from a Cruise, also, the Privateer Brig New-York, Captain Doran; having taken nothing since the large Spanish Ship she carried into Louisburg (soon after that Place surrendered to Admiral Boscawen) in Company with the Columbine, Captain Lane, her Consort, taken by them off Newfoundland, bound to Louisburg.

We hear that four Companies of Col. Fraser's Regiment, have received Orders for immediate Embarkation.

We hear that the different Counties in this Province, have got their Quotas of Men without one single Person being detached; and we can assure those Gentlemen who have absented themselves from this City, lest they should be detached, that they may now return with Safety, as the Quota for this Place is almost completed, or will, in a few Days, all Volunteers.

A Letter from Lake-George for Rogers was going with Wood-Creek, on the 13th after Four in the Afternoon of about 130 French and the first Fire, killed 2, and 1, and then fled; Major closely, and in the Pursuit 4 Scalps.—He continued when he found a French above mentioned Party, which disabled him; and French Prisoners, say, Thderbga are in very great War Man's Allowance being of Meat, and a Bisket and The French Prisoners further of this Instant April, as a gulars were deserting to us and taken by a Party of Fter being carried back, we

P H I L A D E L P H

Saturday last the General vance adjourned to Monday.—The following Laws were

An Act for granting to ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND striking the same in Bills of herein after directed; and for making the said Bills of Credit real and personal, and Taxable.

An Act to prevent the Exportation of merchantable Staves, Heads,

A Supplement to an Act, preventing Abuses in the Indian Affairs, Friends and Allies Goods at more easy Rates, strengthening the Peace and with the Indians inhabiting Frontiers of this Province.

A Supplement to the Act granting to his Majesty a Duty on Vessels; and also certain Brandy, and other Spirits, for supporting and maintaining War for protecting the Trade other Purposes for his Majesty's

An Act for regulating the be employed in his Majesty's the Pay of this Province.

An Act for extending from Parliament, passed in the present Reign, entitled, An and Desertion, and for the better and their Quarters.

We have Advice from the Horses were lately carried off and Indians, near Fort Ligonizing; and that four Men were a Fifth killed and scalped. The Party is thought to be came out after a white Prisoner escape from thence.

Extra of a Letter from the Supply Bill, amounting Business of the Country recovers Chearfulness and Alacrity; Governor in great good Humour on pretty successfully; hoped, the Men wanting to make the whole 1500.

In our last we inserted a Letter under the Command of Moore; the following is the Moore's Squadron in the Vessel of 90, one of 80, four two of 60, and two of 50 G 44, two of 40, one of 36, 22 Guns. Sloops, two of 14 Bomb Ketches, four of 8 G Battle Ships, 7 Frigates, 3 Total of Guns 1120, and of the French is but 14 Sail. Guns only.

A N N A P O L

Sunday Evening last, from Twelve, and on Monday Evening (Tuesday Evening being appeared a Comet, which appeared in 1531, 1607, Return was foretold by the 'row, to be about the Year Skill'd in Astronomical Affairs Northward.